

# village news

## coronavirus newsletter

June - July 2020



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Dear Reader

What shall we talk about? Or should we say...what shall we not talk about? It's very hard these days to steer conversation away from a particular topic, but we are going to do our best. In fact, we hope we are not writing this needlessly and that a good number of you have managed to track us down and are reading the Newsletter online. It's a very downsized publication this time for obvious reasons.

The weather over the past few weeks has been glorious and our gardens and surrounding countryside are looking their absolute best. There has obviously been a great deal of work going on behind hedges and fences and it shows; we have our own Chelsea Flower Show going on without leaving North Yorkshire. And that's not to mention the move towards the 'Good Life' and the burgeoning vegetable plots prompting conversations about purple sprouting broccoli, gooseberry mildew, how best to grow carrots etc. And has anyone else suffered cucumber wilt?

If you're not a gardener perhaps you're a baker. Conversations overheard have featured how to cultivate your sourdough culture, where do you get spelt from (what is spelt?) and has anybody got any yeast? Then there are the cakes. It's so easy to sit down with a cup of coffee and be overcome by the urge to have something sweet to go with it. We editors consider ourselves experienced in the cake department but even the most accomplished of us can have potential disasters. Caroline forgot to add the ground almonds to an almond and raspberry cake, so, cake out of tin, raspberries picked out one by one, ground almonds added followed by raspberries again, cake back in tin, baked, delicious! Linda forgot to add the sugar, so, cake removed from oven, back in bowl, sugar stirred into warm mixture, back in tin, back in oven, delicious!

If you're not a gardener or baker perhaps you're a DIYer. How many of those jobs that are on the 'to do' list have been done? How many rooms have been decorated, how many shelves erected, how many sets of PPE have been made?

We do realise however that not everyone has had the luxury of time to indulge these pastimes. Many of you will have been working from home, or indeed continuing to go to work, and for you, as with all of us, life may have been different and challenging. Whatever your situation we hope you stay well, stay safe, stay happy and we look forward to a time when we can all get together again.

L, C and L  
and the team

# Huby & Weeton

## Weeton & Huby Parish Council

We are living in unprecedented times as a consequence of the current world-wide pandemic. Hopefully our villages, together with the country as a whole, are healthily emerging through this. It is heart-warming to see how the community has been working together to support one another in times of need. I would like, on behalf of us all, to offer special thanks to a well-known personality in the village, Michael Styryn, who throughout this time has steadfastly continued to deliver milk, papers and eggs on a daily basis. We also wish Lynne a speedy recovery from a fall she sustained earlier in the year when it was icy.

**Security** – We have been subjected to an upsurge of burglaries over the past few weeks. ‘Low Life’ have been driving into the area, initially to survey properties and then returning, generally through the night, to break in to sheds, garages and out-buildings. There has been one instance of a break-in during the day. Police response has been good but this by itself is no safeguard. The neighbourhood WhatsApp communication is excellent in relaying information, making us aware of when, where and what is happening. This enables us to be on our guard. We can do more with this by recording details of suspicious vehicles – makes and registration numbers together with times and locations - and then making these this available to the police should a crime occur. Be wary of unknown individuals who access your property under the pretext of looking for something or somebody. All outbuildings should be made secure and also any particularly valuable items should be removed and kept in the house where possible. Any concerns, phone 999 immediately; don’t hesitate and let’s work together to help eradicate this lawless intrusion.

**Footpaths/Rights of Way** – I have been contacted by members of the parish regarding the legality of notices pinned on gates, stiles etc trying to restrict access by the general public where there is a legal right of way. Having made enquiries to the Council, I can confirm that trying to restrict by this method is not legal and people who wish to walk along these paths have a right to do so. Such notices can be removed. Where a stile or section of footpath is potentially dangerous or in need of repair, it is the responsibility of NYCC to rectify. There is a department within the Council dealing with this. Contact me where appropriate with the location details and I will forward this information.

**General Maintenance Issues** – As a result of Coronavirus, tasks such as grass cutting, pot-hole repairs etc have been put on hold. However, as restrictions ease, we have been assured that this work will resume as quickly as possible, so please be patient.

**Dog Fouling** – There has been an upsurge in dog-walking during lockdown, excellent for one's physical condition and for the health of treasured pets. However, the downside has been the increase in dog fouling. PLEASE PLEASE dog owners, act responsibly and clean up after your pet. It is essential to benefit the health and well-being of all concerned. Thank you.

Although the Parish Council has not been able to meet in person, communication continues and if there are any issues you feel we could help with, please contact me and we will do our best to address.

**Bob Wilyman, Chair PC**

## ***I think I am still St Barnabas***

I feel like a poor, lonely, old saint, as I have been locked and barred since March. As I have said before, I like nothing better than seeing the people who come to worship with me, or call in to visit me and write in my Visitors' Book. It was a tragedy that there could be no services on Mothering Sunday or at Easter – I don't think this has ever happened before in all my 170 years. And this year I had been looking forward to welcoming our new incumbent Craig Marshall and his wife.

The annual Tour de Weeton has had to be cancelled in its usual form, but it is going to take place in a different format, (see the poster.) Complete one or more laps of Gallowgate Lane between 1 and 31 July on bikes, trikes, scooters and send photographs to [suziesijack@hotmail.com](mailto:suziesijack@hotmail.com). (Please follow all government guidelines.)

But eventually churches will be allowed to open again when I hope to see you all, and Craig and Jane, at a great re-awakening service.

**Sue Scott**





**It's still happening...!**



# **LE *team* TOUR DE WEETON**



**1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020**

**Gallowgate Lane, Weeton**

**Complete your lap(s) either solo,  
or as a household, in keeping with the  
#stayathome NHS guidance, at any time  
during the month of July**

**Would you like to join our community-wide challenge?**

**Send us a photo of you and/or your household cycling / scooting / roller skating / running the Tour de Weeton loop any time in July, and we will post it on our website ([www.stbarnabasweeton.co.uk](http://www.stbarnabasweeton.co.uk)) and give you a shout-out on the Lower Wharfedale Benefice Facebook page. Include the number of laps and we'll keep a running total of laps & distance covered. Email to: [suziesijack@hotmail.com](mailto:suziesijack@hotmail.com)**

#### **T's & C's**

**All participants do so at their own risk**

**Please observe the #stayathome NHS guidance for activity and the Highway Code**

**Please respect our neighbours along Gallowgate Lane and Main St**

**By submitting your photos & names you are agreeing to us publishing them on the internet**

A.T.B.C.

# Almscliffe Tennis & Bowling Club



*From raindrops to rainbows!*



You may remember that our article in the last Village News bemoaned the vagaries of the extremely wet winter and spring, resulting in delays to our new court and floodlight project. ***Little did we know that having been struck by the flood, the plague was yet to come, and we were about to suffer the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic!***

Like all sports clubs our facilities were closed on 24 March following the Government's lockdown announcement, leaving us wondering if work would ever start. The contractors had other ideas however, and after an initial pause whilst they put policies and processes in place, the work started on resurfacing and re-fencing our 2 existing courts.

Indeed, one of the few benefits to come out of the crisis was the absence of disruption to anyone, as the club was an unusually quiet and empty site.



The ***real pot of gold*** at the end of our rainbow was that ***the easing of lockdown restrictions*** on outdoor exercise ***coincided with the completion of the refurbishment.*** The Government and LTA were active in their encouragement of getting people back to playing tennis and we have returned to ***2 beautiful new synthetic grass courts.***

We opened our courts on 20 May, albeit following strict social distancing and hygiene guidelines.



***We can safely play singles and even doubles if all 4 players are from the same household, and Jamie, our coach from Kinetic Tennis, is back on court offering 1 to 1 coaching again.***



The groundworks for our new court/multi-use games area (MUGA) are in hand and the installation of floodlights will follow so we will be able to ***continue enjoying playing tennis into the winter months too.***

Come and join us for some great outdoor exercise and fun after all those weeks of confinement! We have ***a range of memberships to suit everyone:*** juniors, students, adults and families, even ***a special short-term offer*** for those members of your household who may be here whilst on furlough. Details are on the website:

[www.atbc-huby.org.uk](http://www.atbc-huby.org.uk)

Email [atbcmembers@gmail.com](mailto:atbcmembers@gmail.com) or [kinetics.tennis@gmail.com](mailto:kinetics.tennis@gmail.com) for information



# Kirkby Overblow

## Kirkby Overblow during Covid 19

What a fantastic time to live in a village, especially such a vibrant village as Kirkby Overblow. During these difficult times when we are aware people are sadly losing lives and making huge sacrifices for the greater good, it is humbling to see what people are doing to try and keep up spirits and wellbeing.

Village life continues to stem from two main hubs: the church and the Shoulder of Mutton.

The church was fast to act with virtual Zoom services, firstly led by Ralph Hudspeth but more recently by our new rector Craig. The coffee morning team have found a way to keep their customers happy by offering an ordering and delivery service of the usual tasty treats to be enjoyed at home.



Kate and the team at The Shoulder of Mutton have come into their own. Not only are they providing a takeaway service of both hot meals and frozen ready meals, they have become the distribution point for prescriptions, supplying a shopping service going way beyond just the essential needs and even keeping the pub quiz going every Monday night. More recently, they offered a French themed meal to take away and eat at home whilst we watched the KOD's 2016 production of 'Allo 'Allo.



Jackie and Stephen getting into the spirit of 'Allo 'Allo as they collect their take-away.

Within our fantastic community we have supported and cared for each other, set up a weekly newsletter and revamped the KO village website. There has been a teddy bear trail to entertain the children and a sunflower growing competition, we've clapped

enthusiastically for carers and decorated our homes to celebrate VE Day, we've formed a gardening group for advice and plant swapping and much more, with more to come, from wine tasting to delving into the history of Kirkby Overblow.



So, from the hellos and friendly smiles during daily exercise to the hard work that goes on behind the scenes, a heartfelt thanks to you all who make this village such a great one to live in.

***Lucy Crack***

## **Memories of the Dunkeswick Air Disaster**

Twenty-five years ago today, in the early evening of 24 May 1995, John and I were at my parents' (Peggy and Bryan Taylor) house in Kirkby Overblow (where we now live). It was Peggy's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday and we were taking them out to celebrate.

As we were leaving the house, just before 6 o'clock, Peggy said 'Did you hear that boom'. No one else had and as there was some thunder and lightning around, perhaps that's what it was. Peggy was not convinced.

On return the awful news was broadcast.

A plane had crashed on farmland in Dunkeswick. The field was next to the 'forty acre' as my family called it, where I had played as a child on Hawthorne House Farm. The farm was tenanted until 1960 by my grandfather and grandmother, Buckley and Nell Taylor – it seemed to heighten the loss to us all.

Today John and I joined in the church service in which the Revd Craig Marshall said prayers to those lives lost 25 years ago. A lovely tribute.

The memorial stone to the victims is in St Barnabas Church, Weeton, where my grandparents are buried.

***Pat Perry***



## **Walton Head Lane – *Bag It & Bin It***

Walton Head Lane has been a hub of activity during lockdown. It's a wonderful location to exercise for everyone, but sadly the amount of discarded dog poo has become rather unpleasant! Besides being unsightly and smelly, animal waste can be hazardous to the health of children who play here and can also affect the enjoyment of other activities undertaken within this beautiful area of Kirkby Overblow. When walking your dog on Walton Head Lane, please remember to immediately clean up after your pet. If you forget to take bags, there are some located at the 'Poo Fairy' sign. By taking a few simple steps to clean up after your pet, you can maintain this safe and enjoyable location for all, but also contribute towards the elimination of one of the most irritating nuisances in our community. Thank you for your co-operation!

***Simon***

# **North Rigton**

## **North Rigton Community**

North Rigton now has its own Facebook page.

There are no advertisements, just snippets of hopefully useful information provided by our residents to keep you informed.

Take a look and join us!

'North Rigton Community'

## **North Rigton Community News**

I hope you are keeping safe and well during this period of uncertainty. I constantly hear walkers express how lucky they feel living in such a beautiful area, being able to walk our lanes and footpaths safely.

We were sorry to have to cancel our events since March but hopefully, once we are able, there will be opportunities for people to get together once more.

One positive result from the 'lockdown' is that our community has shown how supportive they are towards their neighbours.

A North Rigton Covid 19 Support Team was created and gathered a group of residents

who offered their help. They have been available to assist in various ways, but there has been little call on their services because of the neighbourhood support provided.

During May they decided to spread their help beyond North Rigton, by collecting donations for the Harrogate Food Bank.

They were also the inspiration for establishing the Facebook page 'North Rigton Community' which has enabled many of you to spread news, information and activities for the children, and enabled new residents to become connected with residents other than their near neighbours.

Several groups celebrated VE day in the very different circumstances, keeping their distance, with bunting and flags adorning their houses and the entire street at St John's Drive (see front cover.) Well done.

Stay safe.

*Mary Hopkins*

## **North Rigton Parish Council**

### **Village Garden – update**

Following the very generous donation from The Liz & Terry Bramall Foundation, to add to the generous other donations, an order is being placed for the refurbishment of the play area and installation of new play equipment. Covid-19 restrictions have obviously delayed progress but nevertheless, it is hoped all work will be completed before the end of summer.

### **Public footpaths**

The Parish Council has been made aware on numerous occasions of landowners placing 'closed' signs on public footpaths, ostensibly due to concerns over the transmission of Covid-19. This is strictly unlawful unless there is a clear risk of transmission due to an inability to maintain the 2 metre social distancing. All such incidents should be reported to the Parish Clerk (email address below) so that NYCC can be alerted.

### **Highways**

As in the paragraph above, please notify the Parish Clerk of any highway issues, such as potholes, verge erosion, flooding etc, so that the relevant authority can be alerted.

### **Traffic calming measures**

The Parish Council has now decided to proceed with the purchase of Vehicle Activated Signage, to be erected on Rigton Hill initially and then moved to Church Hill, rotating

between the two locations on an ongoing basis every 6 months or so. The Parish Council is grateful for a contribution towards this purchase by NYCC Cllr Lumley, from his Locality Budget.

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

The parish has an active Neighbourhood Watch Group but is always anxious to recruit additional members. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Clerk, as below.

### **Parish website**

Just to remind all residents that descriptions and links to all new planning applications continue to be uploaded to the website when received. You will therefore have the opportunity to review any applications which are of interest and comment accordingly before HBC Planning comes to a decision.

All parishioners are again encouraged to register on the website. This will enable improved communication, both to and from, as the site is developed further over the coming months.

**The website address is:- [www.northrigton.org](http://www.northrigton.org)**

***Mike Richards, Parish Clerk***

Contact via [northrigtonparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:northrigtonparishcouncil@gmail.com)

## **Litter picking in North Rigton**

Our annual Litter Picking weekend of 14 -15 March was particularly well supported this year, and what a noticeable difference it made.

On Saturday we had 21 volunteers who actually managed to do most of the areas. On Sunday there were a further 9 people (one or two even repeating from Saturday). Their efforts were greatly appreciated.

We also extend our thanks to those who were not able to attend on the allocated days but independently completed stretches of road outside the village and advised us which areas they would be clearing.

In total, over 23 bags of rubbish were collected from the village with a further 6 bags and assorted rubbish from Brackenthwaite Lane, plus large pieces of metal and plastic.

There were no surprises, except for the fact that the amount collected seemed to have increased this year.





The whole area now looks tidy and we are awaiting a clean-up of the main road A658 by HBC. The amount of rubbish strewn along the main road is extremely concerning and your Parish Council has raised the issue with local Councillors.

Once again, sincere thanks to the volunteers who helped with any of the litter collection.

***Barbara Massey***

# Sicklinghall

## **Christine Solomon**

On Friday 7 February, Christine Solomon sadly died. She was 64 and had lived in Sicklinghall for many years, but more recently, due to ill health, had had to live in a care home in Harrogate, which is where she died.

She was married to Godfrey and they had their daughter Natalie. Godfrey died a few years ago. Christine was mother-in-law to David and granny to Ruari, Jack and Tom.

When Godfrey was alive they would go away with their large camper van, often to Wales because Godfrey was a rail enthusiast and took part in helping with the Ffestiniog Railway.

Her funeral was held at Stonefall Crematorium, Harrogate, on Friday 21 February.

***Carol Warrington***

## **St Peter's News**

Lockdown time has been a surreal experience for St Peter's; a long awaited new Rector (after 14 months of interregnum) arrives but cannot give live services, a new lawn is laid and it does not rain, a long gestation produces a Book of Remembrance cabinet but parishioners cannot enter the church to see it and the most important religious festival, Easter, cannot be celebrated in church. However, St Peter's community survives, albeit in cyberspace, with church services being relayed via Zoom at 9.30am and 11am on Sundays. These are all available due to the sterling work of Jeremy Cross and Moira Keith. Our grateful thanks to both for their efforts and time. Thank you also to Rev Craig Marshall for running the 11am service; honestly, Craig, we do hold real services sometimes!

As heralded, the front garden has been totally stripped and a new lawn laid - at the start of a drought! Our thanks to Neville Balmer and Peter Owthwaite who have been watering the turf. Please go and look at this beautiful expanse of green grass which has replaced our previous slightly overgrown plot.

A Book of Remembrance is now installed in a cabinet within the church. The aim is that those buried elsewhere can have their names remembered within the church, especially as burial within the churchyard is severely restricted and loved ones' remains are elsewhere. More details to follow.

***Catherine & Peter Catton***

## **Other News**

### **Leeds road surgery**

Please can I thank all the volunteers who are delivering our prescriptions.

It is wonderful that so many came forward to do this for the villages. Many of us could not have collected them...and not being able to do this would have been disastrous for several of the residents.

***Jenny Stacey***



## Farnley Estate WI

Keeping members in touch during these unprecedented and challenging times has meant different ways of communication with members.

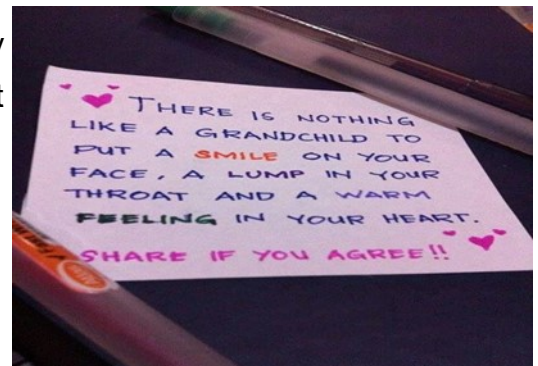
Monthly meetings are currently cancelled. Our President Susan K and fellow member Sue F now put together a weekly newsletter as a means of keeping in touch with each other and as a reminder in years to come as to what we all did during the 'lockdown'. Members contribute with news, poems, stories, quizzes, anything of interest, and Sue F, with her publishing skills, puts it all together. Members without access to emails have it posted to them.

One consolation during this lockdown is that we live in such a beautiful area of the county. The weather has been dry and bright enabling those who wish, to be out walking locally-keeping to social distancing - and previously unknown footpaths have been discovered. Our WI walking group is currently curtailed, and I do miss our post walk bacon butties.

Members have joined online choirs and church services, photos have been filed into folders, decorating begun and crafts completed and lots of baking of course.

The monthly Book Club is now a virtual club using Zoom. The internet is a wonderful thing and many of us now do our food shopping online (a first for me) and I now have Asda coming about every 2 weeks.

We are all missing being able to meet up with family and in particular grandchildren; WhatsApp is fine but not the same as a 'hug'.



Found on Facebook

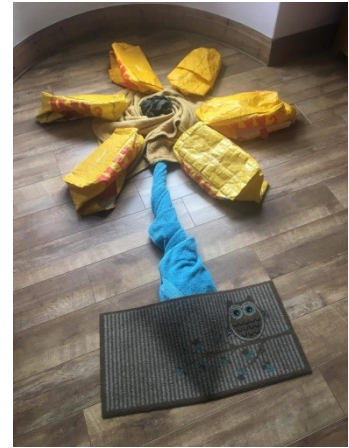
For more information on our WI please contact President Susan Kerridge on 01423 733233 or Caroline Barker on 01423 734412 or email [farnleyestateWI@outlook.com](mailto:farnleyestateWI@outlook.com)

**Caroline Barker, for Farnley Estate WI**





Our unit meetings were suspended in March and the last few months have been very different and unprecedented but guiding has been managing to keep going in a variety of ways. Unit leaders have, when time allowed, been in touch via email, social media and some via virtual Zoom meetings. Challenges have been set and badges have continued to be earned. The Sunflower Challenge has 'spread a little sunshine' with girls of all ages growing sunflowers and creating wonderful pieces of artwork.



As we start to think of returning to unit meetings we are actively seeking more volunteers to help at meetings, specifically in Pannal & Burnbridge.

Volunteering with us isn't just about campfires and helping girls to get their next badge - although those are special moments that we all share. It's about empowering girls and giving them new experiences. It's being a role model and helping girls to realise their full potential. It's sharing and developing your skills:

- Meet new friends living near you
- Take a refreshing break from your everyday routine
- Share a skill or specialism
- Make a difference to the lives of girls in your community
- Spend time laughing, playing and being inspired by incredible girls and young women

Working with young people and other volunteers helps develop valuable, transferable skills such as event planning, time management, leadership skills and budgeting. Your professional and personal experience, a specific skill or simply your enthusiasm - you have so much to share with girls and young women in guiding. Whether you've been involved in guiding before or you are completely new to us, you'll feel proud to watch girls grow through guiding.

Please get in touch with us: [info@girlguidingnyw.org.uk](mailto:info@girlguidingnyw.org.uk) or register at [www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer/register-your-interest](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer/register-your-interest)

## **Dear Friends**

During one of the Thursday evening doorstep applauds for the NHS, I smiled and was moved to see a young boy of about five years old banging a small saucepan in appreciation for all that our health professionals, carers and key workers are doing to save lives during this COVID 19 pandemic. For a moment, I imagined that small boy as an elderly man, perhaps in his nineties, talking with his own 5 year old great grandson about the pandemic of 2020. I wondered what he might say, what he would have remembered, or what he would have struggled with the most.

We are in the midst of a life changing and historical event and in the future we will all have our story to tell just as that small boy, banging his saucepan for the NHS, surely will. I read recently about the plans in Kirkby Overblow to draw together a written collection of people's experiences in order to place them in a time capsule. What a great idea. As the new Rector of the parish, I hope I too can offer a reflection of my experience moving into the benefice just before lockdown.

My paragraph will detail some of the practical challenges and reflect on the fact that one of the activities I have been prevented from doing from the very beginning and one of the fundamental activities in the life of any parish priest, is to visit people at home. For me, this of course has meant that it has been much more difficult to introduce myself to others or for them to get to know me a little better. In this regard, technology and social media have been a great help though not a substitute for real contact. We humans are social beings who thrive on forming relationships with others and meeting and talking in person.

All this being said, whilst the coronavirus might have curtailed all kinds of activity and indeed caused heartache to so many, the one thing it cannot touch if we choose not to allow it, is the indomitability of the human spirit. One of my abiding memories of this period in our collective history is the examples of community spirit, the acts of compassion and kindness, the practical support for our neighbours, the humour which emerges in the face of adversity and the 'can do' attitude of pulling together and playing our part.

I know I must continue to exercise patience, knowing that one day I will be able to meet you properly and begin to play a fuller part in community life. In the meantime, I give thanks to God that in spite of the unprecedented circumstances of our arrival in the benefice, Jane and I and our family have been given a fabulous Yorkshire welcome, received letters, cards and messages and appreciated the warmth and kindness of so many people. We are delighted to be here and when the worst of this coronavirus has passed and we can resume some sense of normality, it is my greatest wish to meet up in person and to enter into the vibrancy of community life once again.

This comes with all good wishes and every blessing to you all.

***Craig***



## A COMMEMORATION FOR THE DUNKESWICK AIRCRAFT TRAGEDY. 24<sup>th</sup> MAY 1995

On 24<sup>th</sup> May twenty five years ago, twelve people lost their lives in the air tragedy at Dunkeswick. Although we are not able to enter the church this year to hold a Commemoration Service, in our Sunday Eucharist via zoom, we shall pause to remember those who lost their lives and their loved ones. I was contacted by the Yorkshire Post asking if it would be possible to photograph the memorial in the churchyard at Weeton to accompany an article in the paper. Although it was rather spontaneous and at short notice, I was able to be present myself and to offer a prayer to commemorate the twenty fifth anniversary of the tragedy. Jane produced a bouquet of flowers cut from the rectory garden which I placed at the memorial. We continue to hold in prayer all those whose lives have been affected by the Dunkeswick air tragedy. Photos of the flowers and the memorial accompany this post and I invite you to use the prayer I used myself as we all remember before God the precious lives which were lost that day.



### COMMEMORATION PRAYER

Loving Lord

We give you thanks that you love us unconditionally and that your love is eternal. We remember today, all the loved ones who lost their lives in the Dunkeswick air tragedy twenty five years ago.

We give thanks for the precious memories held dear by their families and for the love they gave, still so near; love which lives on today.

We remember before you family members and friends who continue to mourn their loss and we ask that you give peace and comfort to them in their sorrow. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen